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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/783,034; Filed: February 15, 2001
For: **Die-Down Ball Grid Array Package With Die-Attached Heat Spreader and Method for Making the Same**
Inventors: Khan *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.0210000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
3. Form PTO-1449 listing cited documents (2 sheets);
4. Copies of documents cited on Form PTO-1449 (AA1-AN1, AR1-AT1, AA2-AI2, AR2, and AS2);
5. Return postcard; and
6. Our check number 37406 for \$180.00 fee for submission of IDS.

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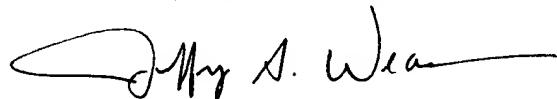
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Respectfully submitted,

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Document AL1 (JP 2000-68512) appears to describe a tab tape with stiffener and BGA Package. A copy of the English language abstract of document AL1 is enclosed as document AS1.

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Document AN1 (JP 10-247703) appears to describe a ball grid array package and printed board. A copy of the English language abstract of document AN1 is enclosed as document AR2.

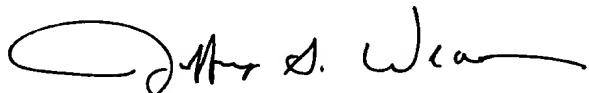
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